## Information for File # MVP-2005-1394-JKA

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Section: 31

Township: 114N

Range: 24W

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## Project

PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE: The applicant has applied for a Department of the Army permit to discharge fill material into Section 404 jurisdictional wetlands and a Section 10 jurisdictional water of the U.S. to facilitate replacement of the Minnesota Trunk Highway 25 bridge, built in 1934, over the Minnesota River about 0.75 mile north of Belle Plaine, Minnesota. New bridge piers would be constructed, the elevation of the north end of the new bridge would be raised seven feet and the highway grade north of the bridge would have its shoulder slope reduced. A water quality treatment pond would be built in the northeast corner of the bridge site, and a portion of a future trail would be constructed under the north end of the new bridge. The existing bridge piers would be removed, including footings. The pilings would be cut off, and excavation of the river bottom would be conducted around the old piers. Riprap would be placed along both banks of the Minnesota River, both upstream and downstream of the bridge and under the bridge. In addition, riprap would be placed around the new bridge piers and in the area of the old bridge piers. The purpose of the bridge replacement is to provide a safer and more reliable transportation route for people, goods, and services, and to reduce the bridge maintenance costs. The purpose of the riprap is for bank stabilization and erosion control.

NAME, AREA AND TYPES OF WATERS (INCLUDING WETLANDS) SUBJECT TO LOSS: The applicant has proposed to discharge fill material into a total of 27,906 square feet (0.64 acre) of sedge meadow/shrub-carr wetlands (Type 2/6 wetlands). The fill would be discharged at nine locations as shown on attached Drawings MVP-2005-1394-JKA Page 4 of 5 and 5 of 5. The impacted wetlands are all adjacent to the Minnesota River. The applicant has also proposed to place riprap along approximately 380 linear feet of riverbank on the south side of the river and along approximately 460 linear feet of riverbank on the north side of the river. In addition, riprap would be placed in approximately 11,170 square feet (0.26 acre) of river bottom around the new pier and old pier area under the south side of the bridge and riprap would be placed in approximately 10,160 square feet (0.23 acre) of riverbottom around the new pier and

old pier area under the north side of the bridge. Riprap locations are shown on attached Drawing MVP-2005-1394 Page 3 of 5. Approximately 17,600 square feet (0.40 acre) of river bottom would be excavated in the area of the old pier on the south side of the river, and approximately 15,950 square feet (0.37 acre) of river bottom would be excavated in the area of the old pier on the north side of the river. The excavations would be conducted before the placement of the new riprap. To facilitate removal of the two old bridge piers, two temporary access roads would be constructed into the river. The applicant has proposed to discharge fill into 6,250 square feet (0.14 acre) of the river to construct the temporary access road to the existing south bridge pier and into 8,200 square feet (0.19 acre) of the river to construct the temporary access road to the existing north bridge pier. The fill for the two temporary access roads would be completely removed at the completion of the project.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED: In addition to the Proposed alternative, the applicant considered a No Build alternative and a Bridge Rehabilitation alternative. The No Build alternative would avoid all impacts from the discharge of fill material into waters of the U.S. However, the purpose of the project would not be achieved, and it would require increased bridge maintenance, more frequent inspections, and occasional bridge closures. The Bridge Rehabilitation alternative would avoid all impacts from the discharge of fill material into waters of the U.S. However, the purpose of the project would not be achieved. Rehabilitation would include re-decking, painting of steel members, patching of piers and removing pack rust on the truss and beams. It would be difficult to replace material, including vertical pieces of concrete and section loss on steel members where accessibility is an issue. While some patching could fill-in the missing portions, that action would not necessarily decrease the need for increased maintenance, more frequent inspections, and the potential to occasionally close the bridge.

COMPENSATORY MITIGATION: To replace/mitigate for the 27,906 square feet (0.64 acre) of wetland fill, the applicant has proposed to purchase 55,812 square feet (1.28 acres) of wetland credits from a Corps approved wetland mitigation bank in Sibley County, Minnesota.

**Drawings** See attached, below.

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## MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

AN FOR GRADING, SURFACING & REPLACEMENT OF BRIDGE #5260 WITH BRIDGE #72012 FROM 1,056'. SOUTH. TO 1,584'. NORTH OF THE MUNUESOTA RIVER AT BELLE PLAINE CONSTRUCTION PL LOCATED ON I.B. 25.

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TO REF. POINT 2.37 STATE PROJ. NO. 7209-08.

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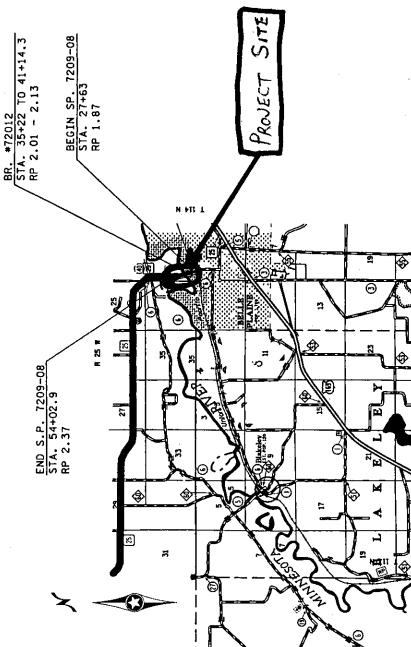
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GENERAL LAYOUT INDEX MAP PROFILE

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ADT (Future Year) 2025 = 8000...

DHY (Design Hr. Vol.) 

= 5300 Design Speed 60 MPH

25 = 5300 Based on STOPPING Sight Distance

Height of eye 3.5' Height of object 2.0 MPH TO STA.

-PROJECT LOCATION

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